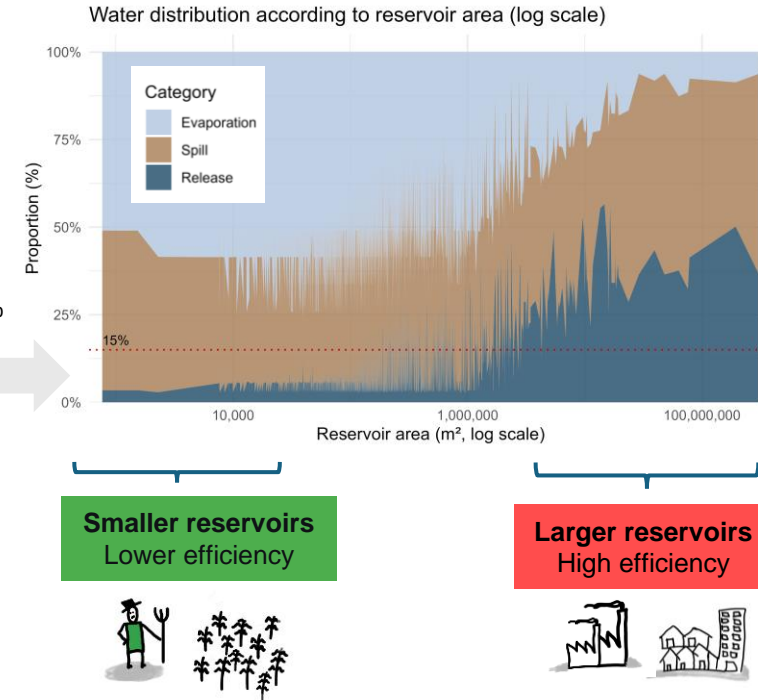
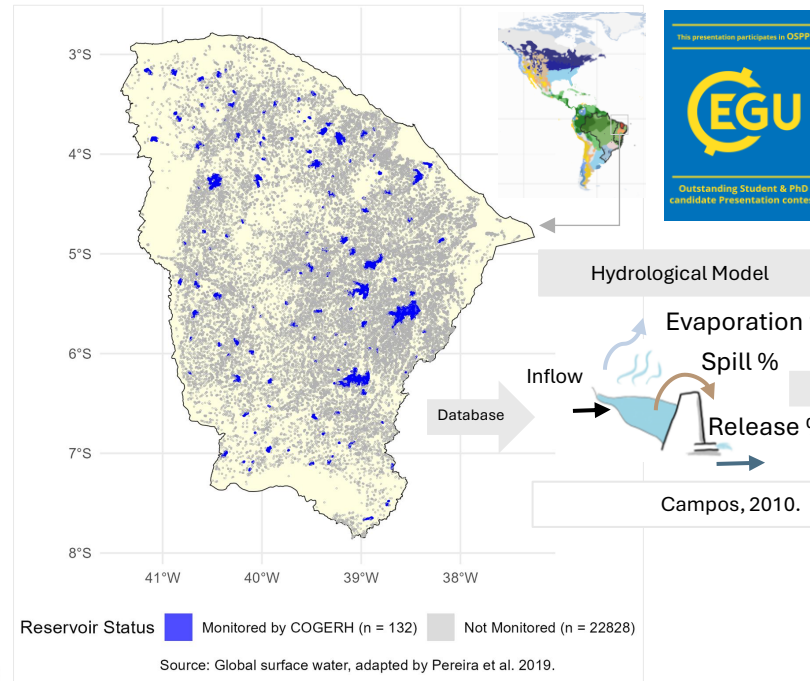
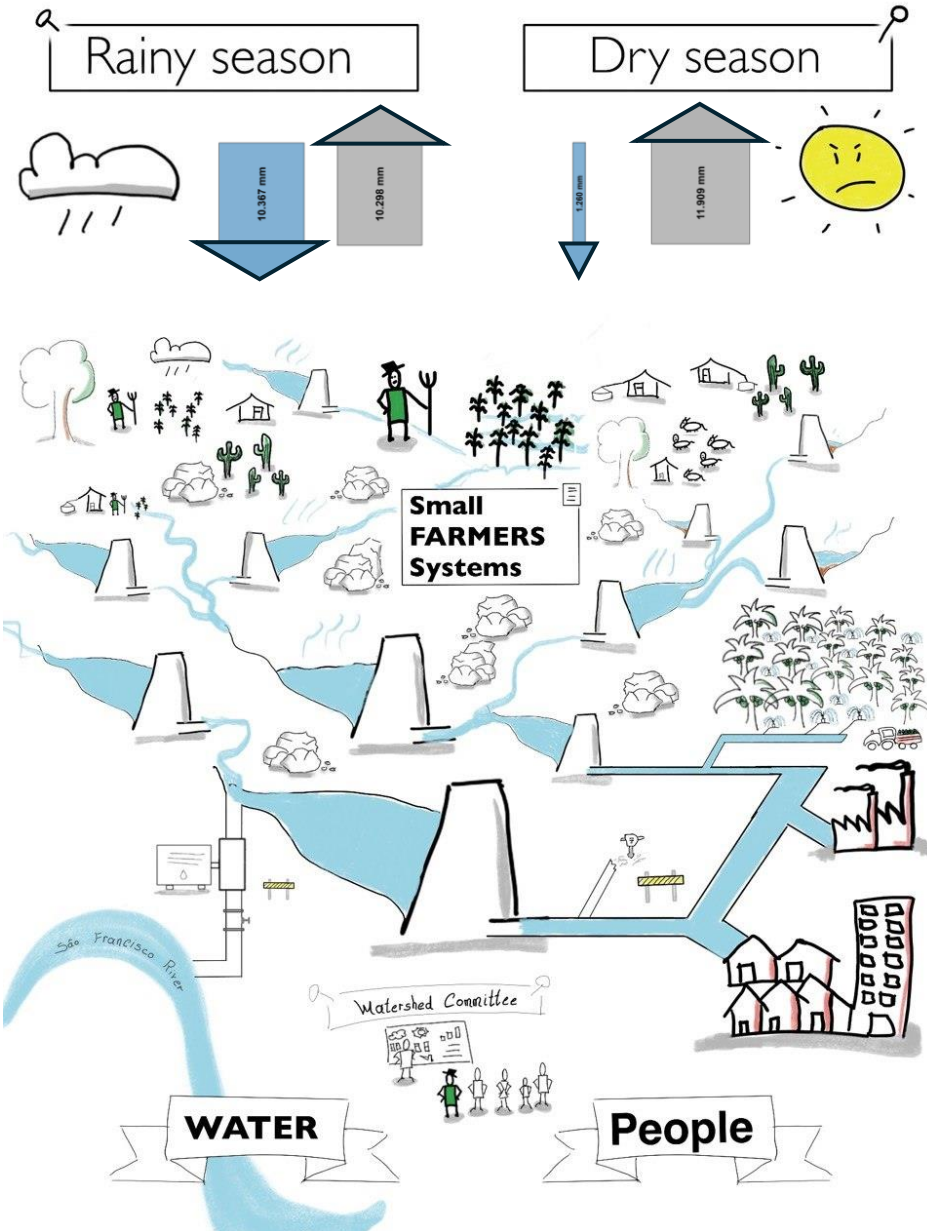


Dead Child (1944), by Candido Portinari, portrays the human suffering caused by drought, poverty, and displacement in Brazil.

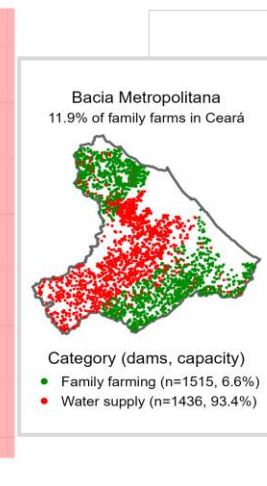
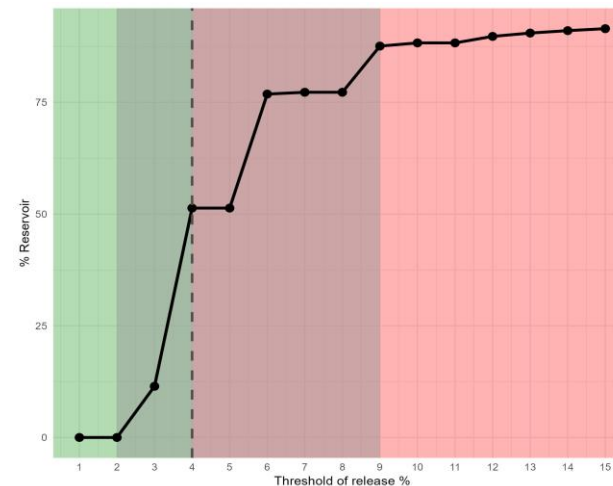


Reservoir classification based on hydrological efficiency to improve water governance in the drylands

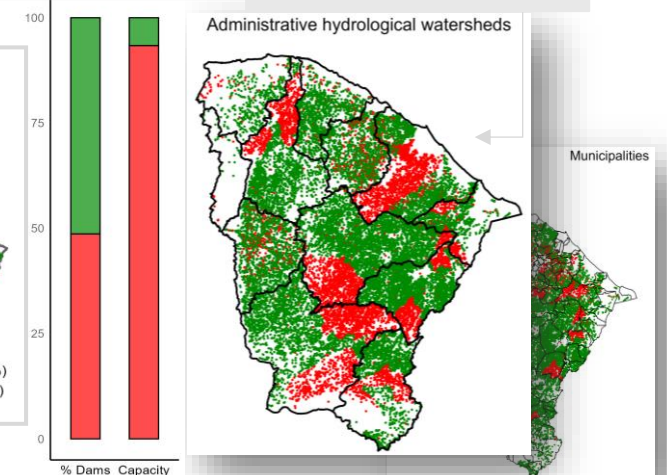
Camila Lira, Pedro Medeiros and Eva Paton



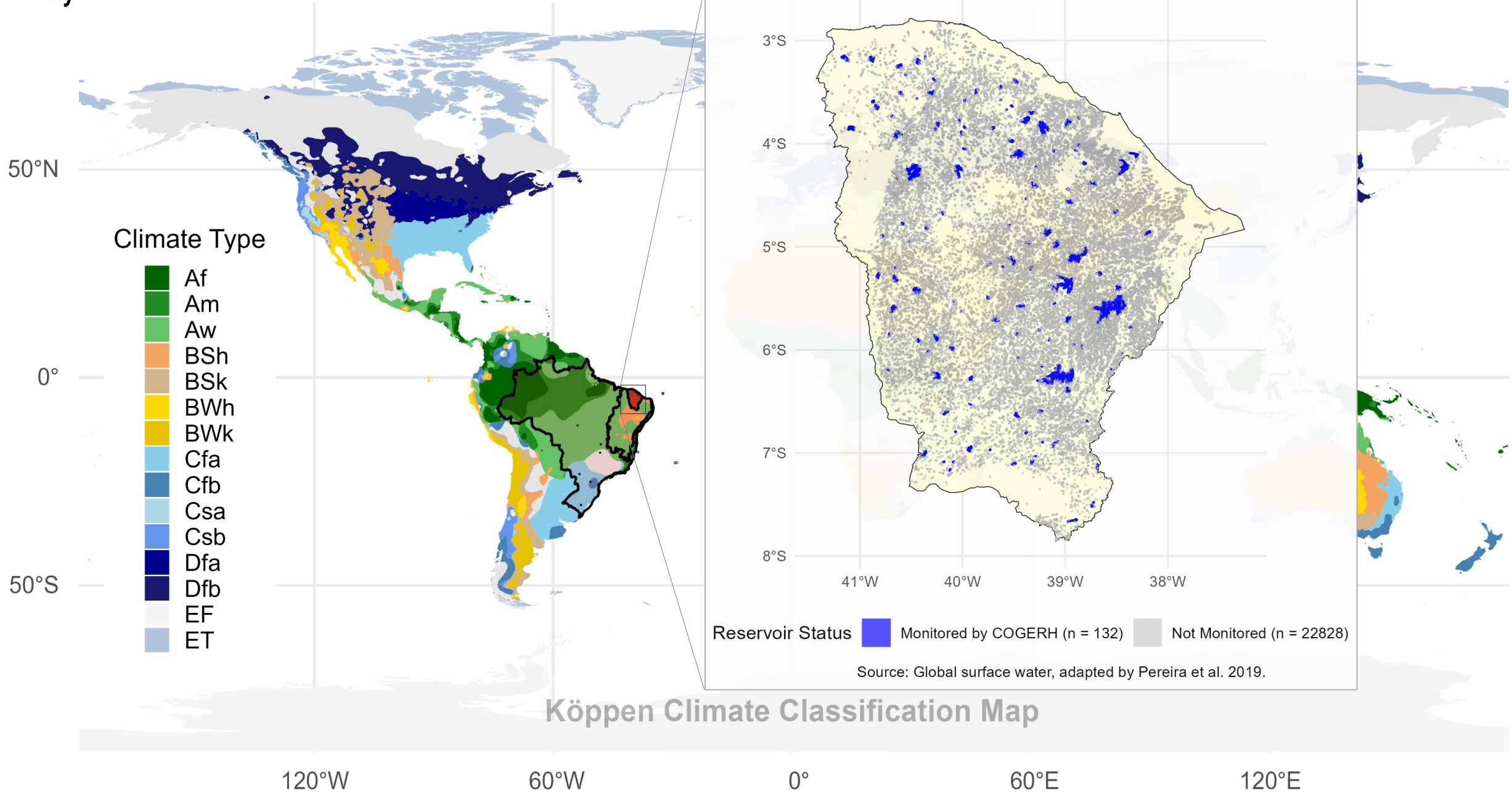
Spatial classification of reservoirs



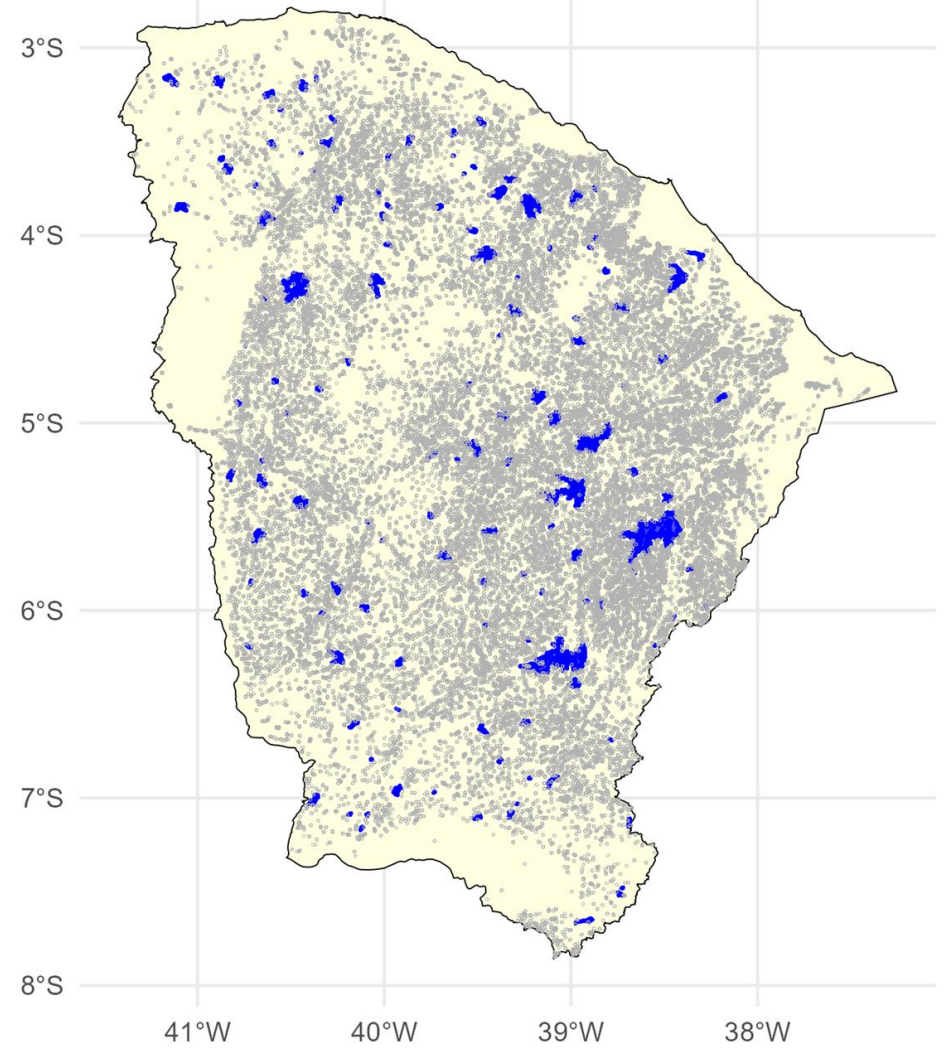
Types spatial analysis



Study Area: location

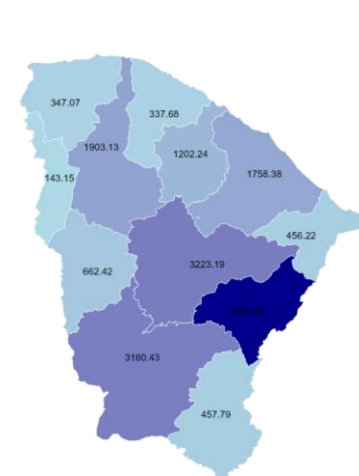
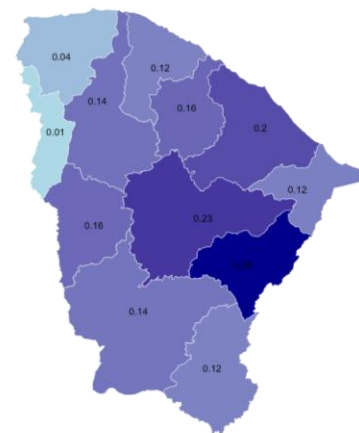
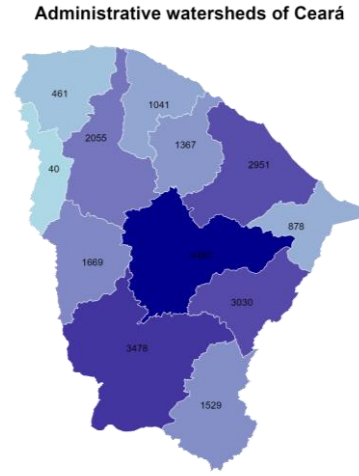
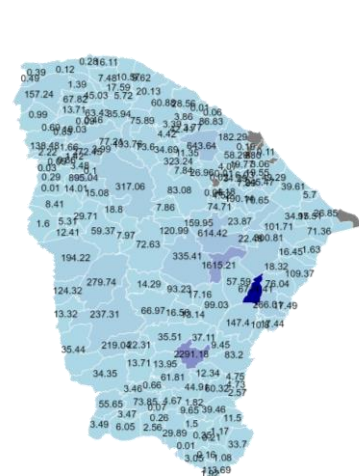
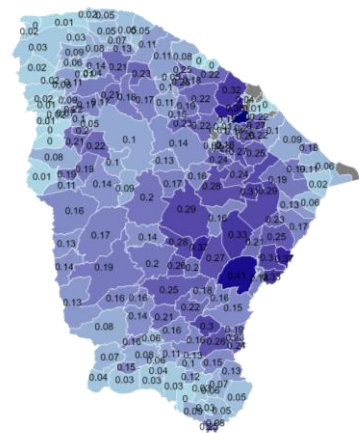
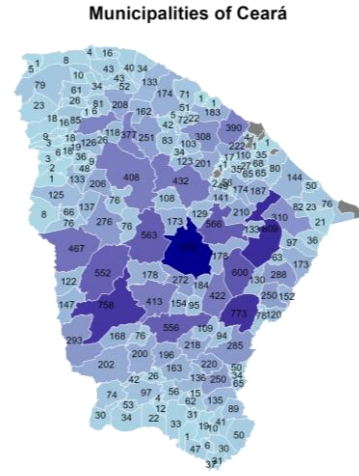


Study Area: Summary Ceará's reservoir network



Reservoir Status ■ Monitored by COGERH (n = 132) ■ Not Monitored (n = 22828)

Source: Global surface water, adapted by Pereira et al. 2019.

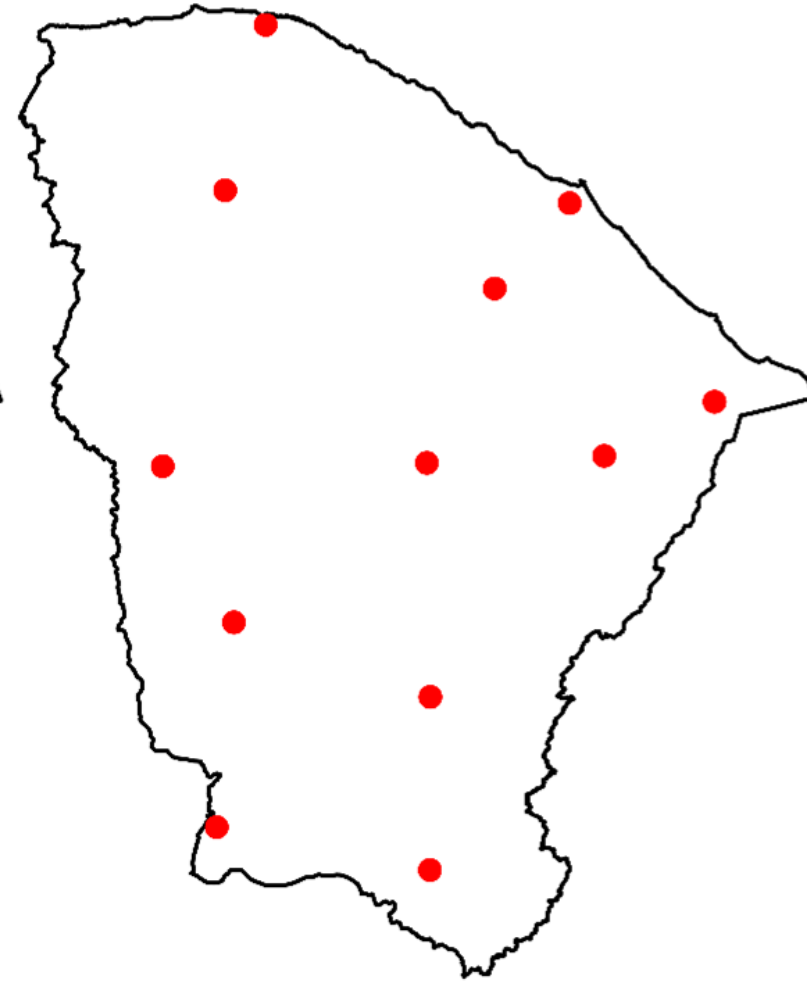
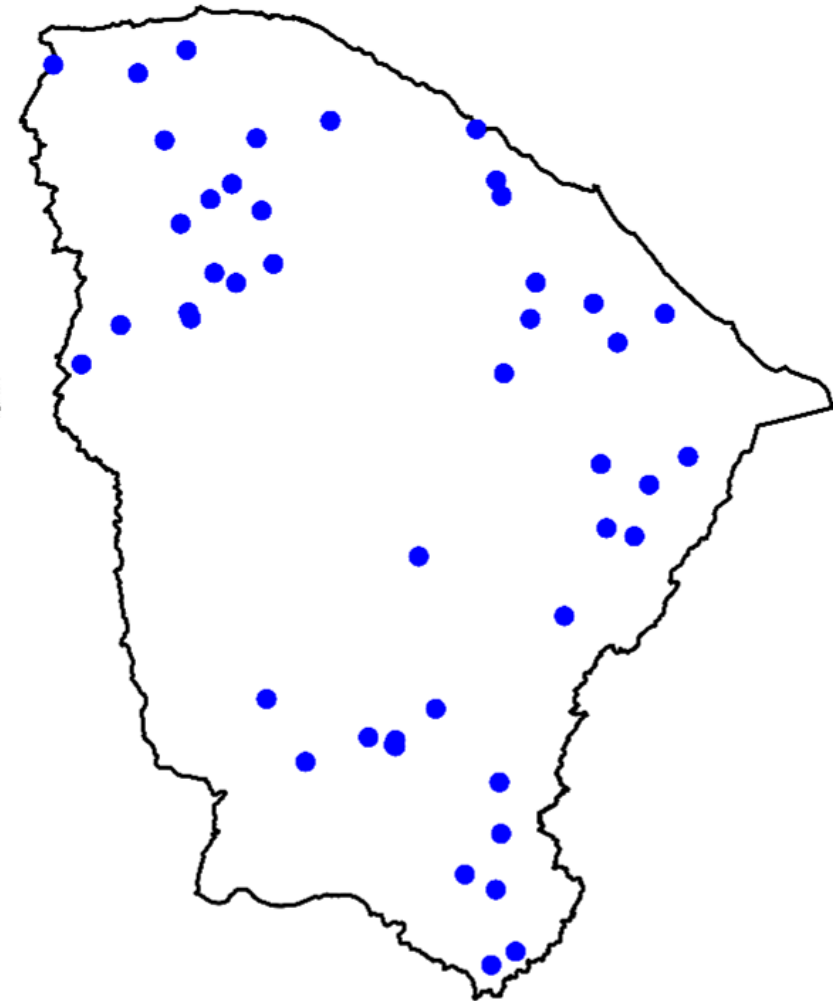
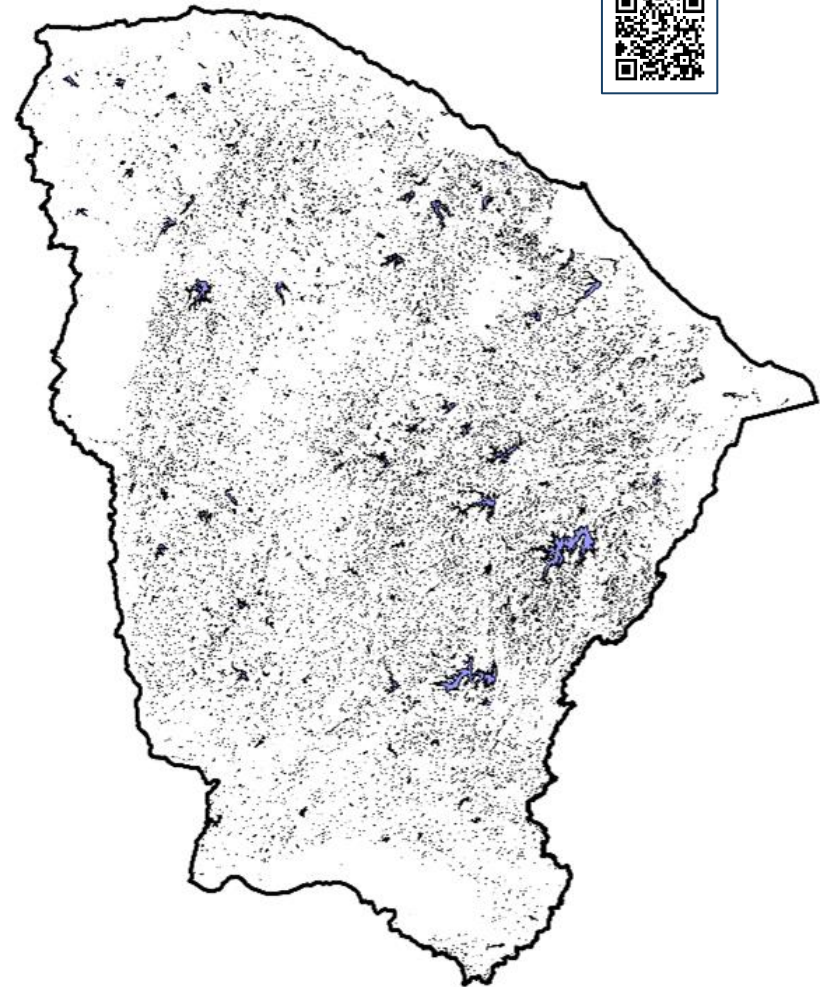


Global Surface Water Explorer



ANA river measurement stations

INMET Piché evaporimeter



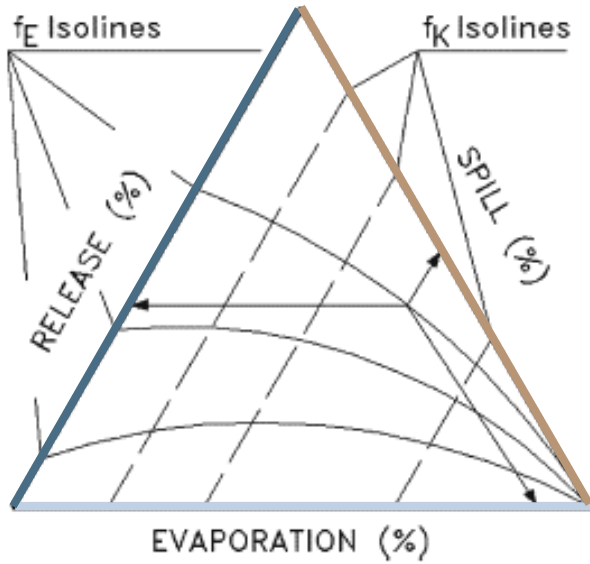
(Pekel et al., 2016) (1984–2021) processed by Pereira et al. (2019) for reservoir geometry information.

Daily streamflow time series from 37 stations, with Coefficient of Variation (CV) from Nascimento and Medeiros (2017)

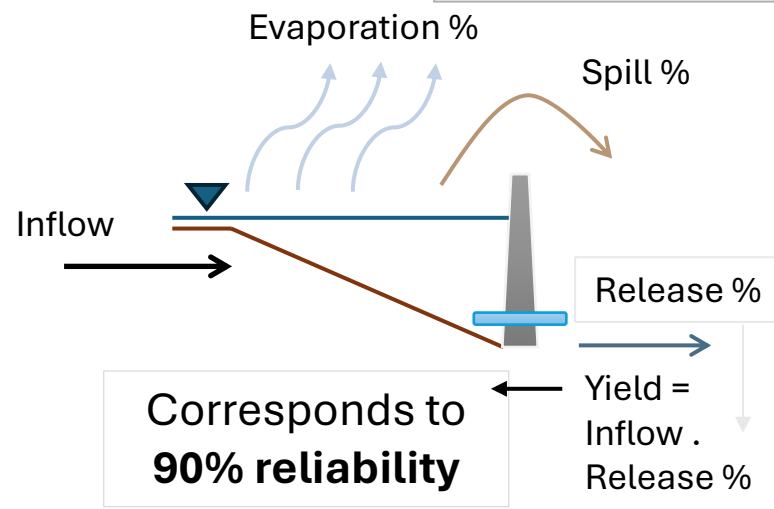
Mean monthly evaporation (Piché evaporimeter) during the dry season (July–December) from the 1981–2010 climatological normals.



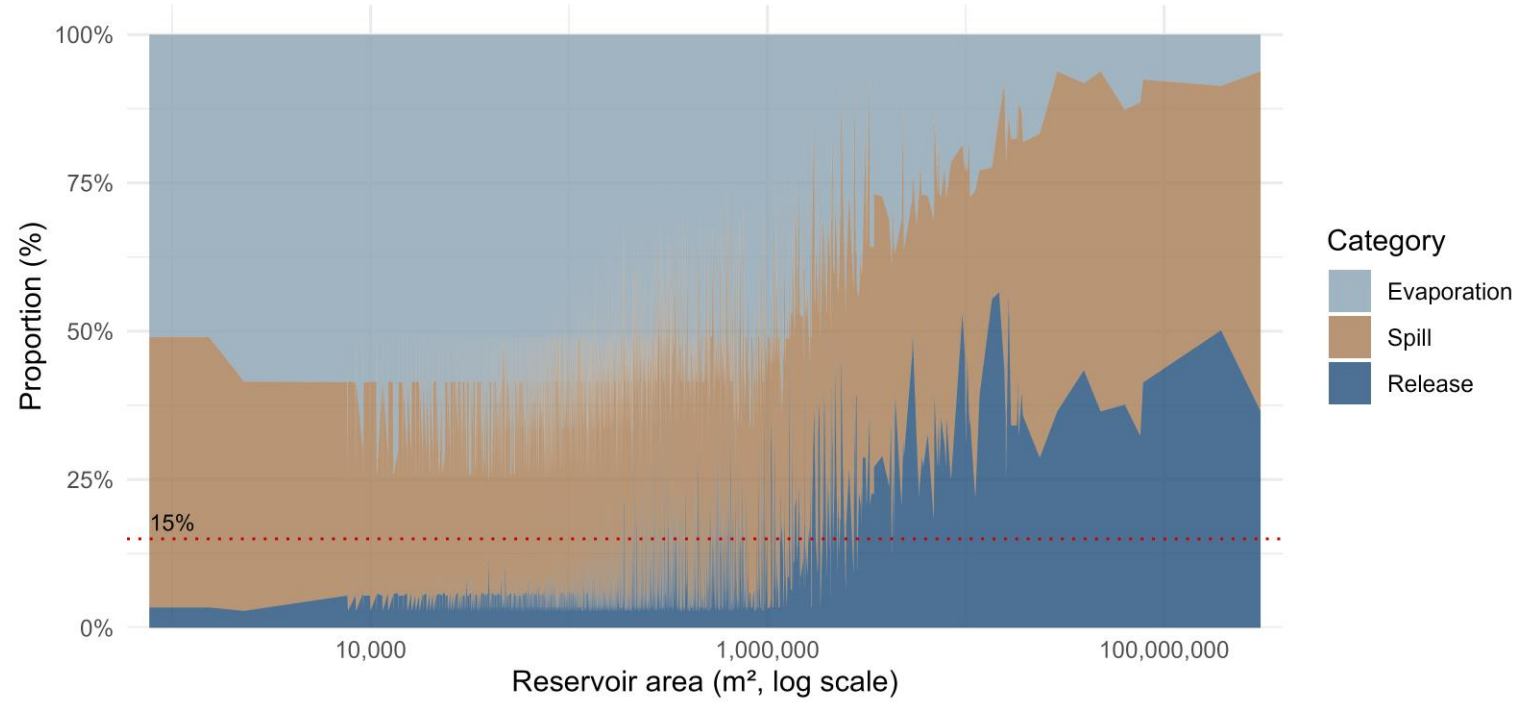
Triangular Regulation Diagram (TRD)



A procedure for reservoir sizing on intermittent rivers under high evaporation rate.
 Source: Campos, 2010.

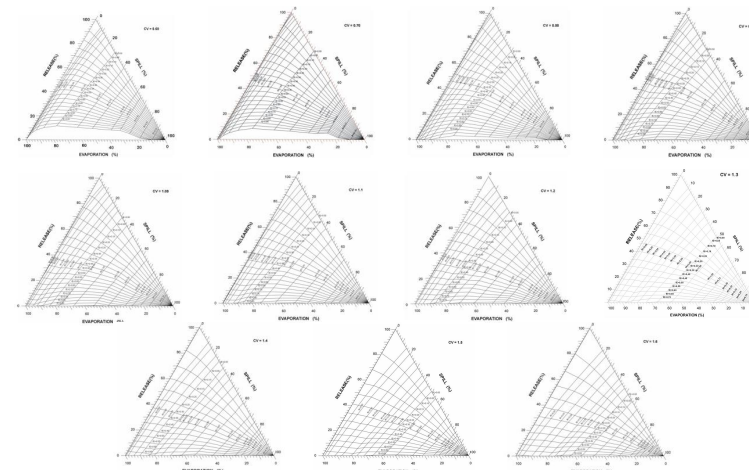


Water distribution according to reservoir area (log scale)

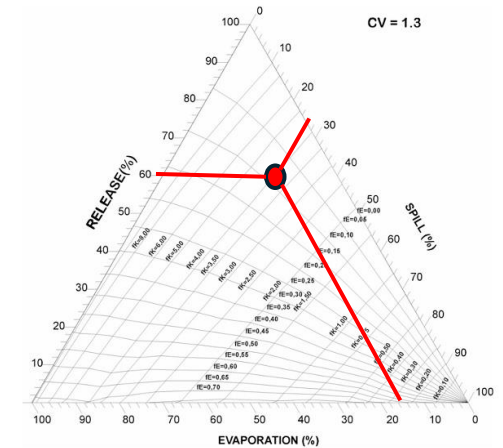


Calculation Methodology

1) Hydrological regime evaluation:



2) Application:



(i) Database

(ii) Hydrological model

(iii) Spatial analysis

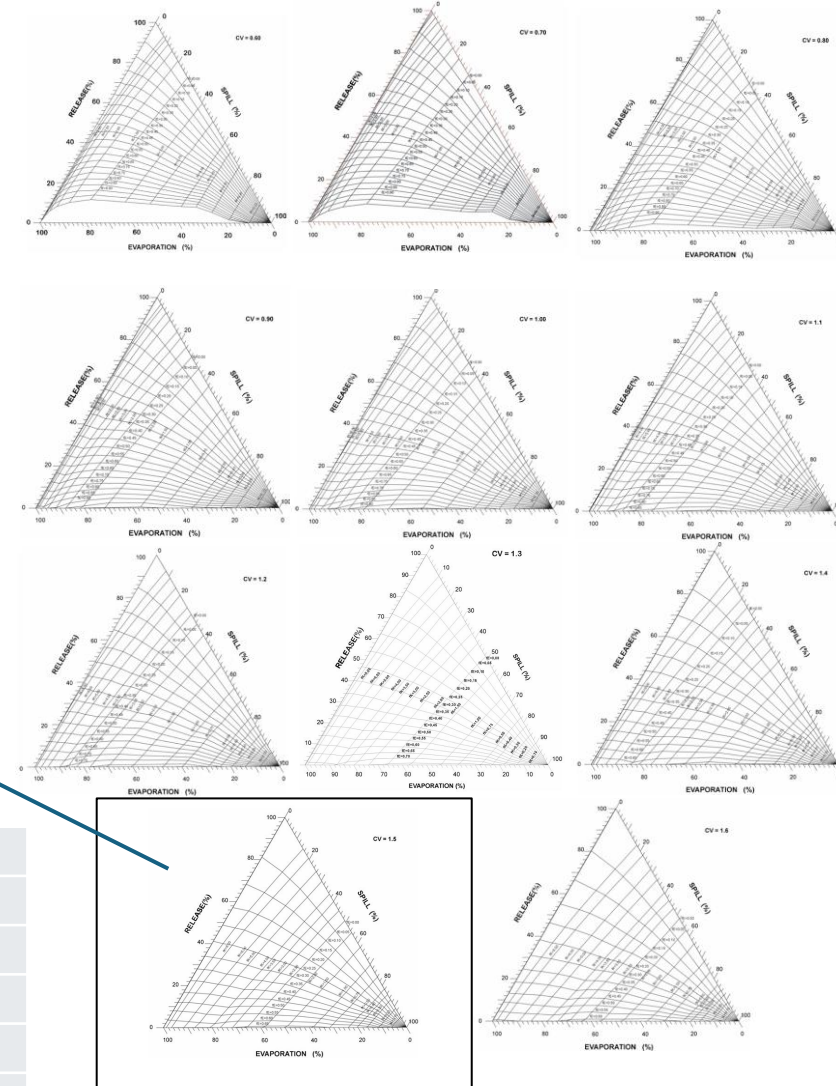
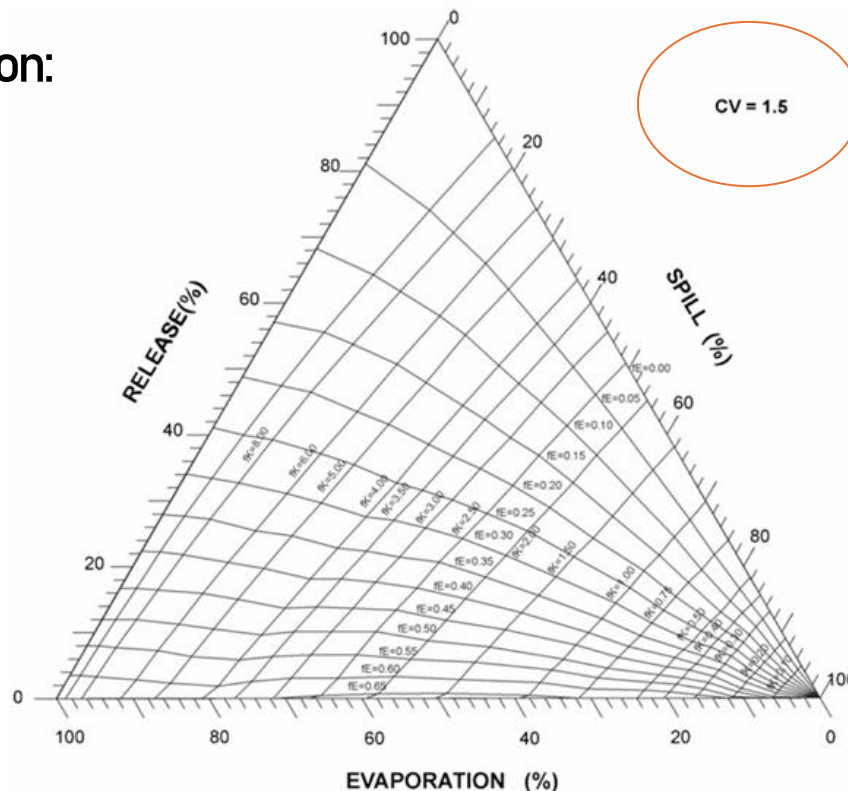
(iv) Roles



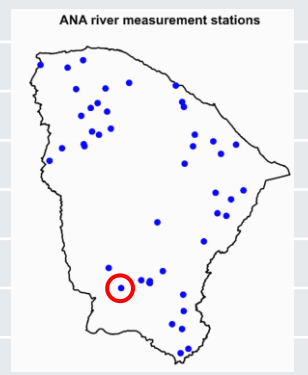
1) Hydrological regime evaluation:

Coefficient of variation

$$\mu = \text{annual mean}, Cv = \frac{\sigma}{\mu}$$



ANO	JAN	FEV	MAR	ABR	MAI	JUN	JUL	AGO	SET	OUT	NOV	DEZ	Year
2006	0,31	0,54	0,82	1,32	2,00	0,18	0,06	0,03	0,09	0,19	0,32	0,25	6,113906
2007	0,25	1,06	0,44	0,21	0,22	0,07	0,06	0,02	0,16	0,26	0,47	0,50	3,7125
2009	1,00	1,49	1,48	7,82	35,51	13,02	0,16	0,18	0,21	0,29	0,35	0,40	61,89812
2011	1,46	0,69	2,14	1,24	0,25	0,11	1,33	0,56	0,54	0,46	0,34	0,40	9,518258
2012	0,54	0,88	0,63	0,55	0,49	0,44	0,35	0,39	0,35	0,42	0,36	0,44	5,847413
2013	0,47	0,68	0,63	0,57	0,50	0,46	0,35	0,45	0,53	0,58	0,66	1,28	7,170096
													6,0
													15,7
													22,7
													1,45



AVERAGE
STANDARD DEVIATION
COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION



2) Application:

Trussu: Hydrological & Engineering Data (Cv = 1.3)

- Storage capacity (K): **263 hm³**
- Mean annual inflow: **73.74 hm³/year**
- Coefficient of variation (Cv): **1.3**
- Maximum water height (hMAX): **34.5 m**
- Dry-season evaporation (E): **1.11 m**

1) Dimensionless capacity factor (f_K):

$$f_K = \frac{Cap}{V_{Inflow}} \quad f_K = \frac{263}{73.74} = 3.5$$

2) Dimensionless evaporation factor (f_E):

i) reservoir opening coefficient from the elevation-volume curve (K)

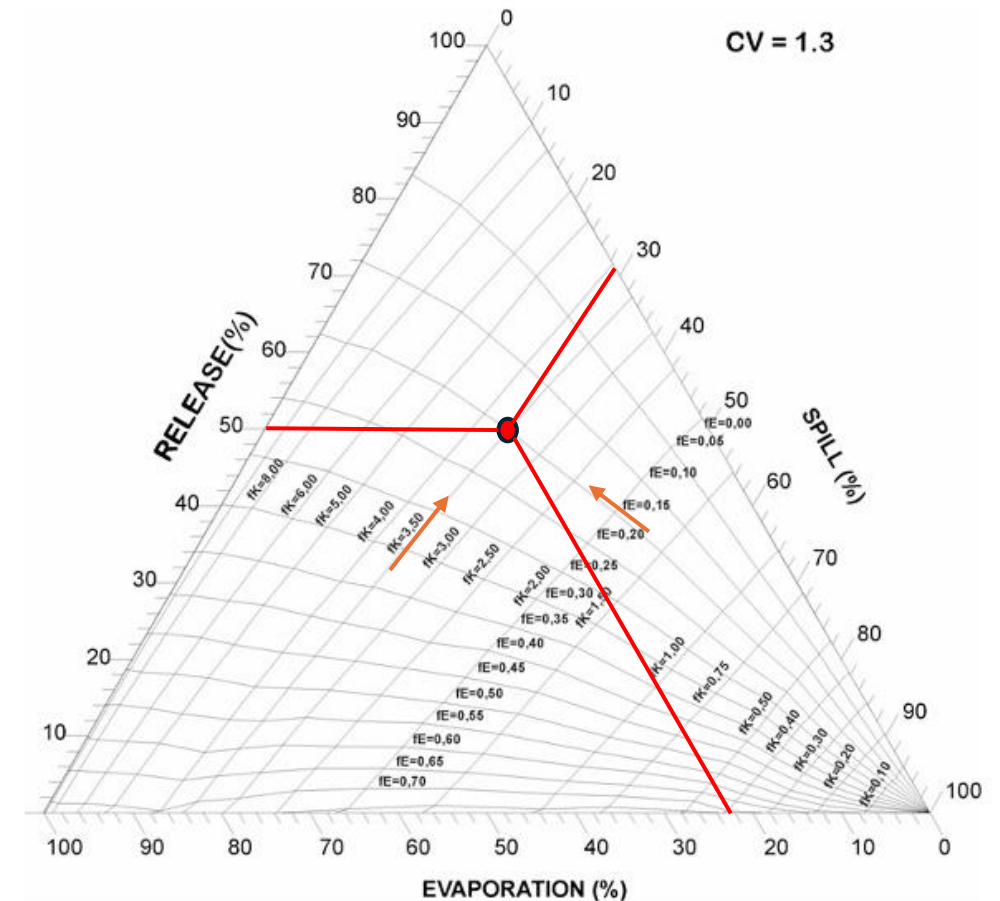
$$k = \frac{V}{h_{max}^3} \quad k = \frac{263}{(34.5)^3} = 6405$$

$$f_E = \frac{3 \cdot K^{1/3} E}{V_{Inflow}^{1/3}} \quad f_E = \frac{3 \cdot 6405^{1/3} \cdot 1.11}{73.74^{1/3}} = 0.15$$

Component	% of μ	Annual Volume (hm ³ /yr)
Mean Release (E{D})	50%	50% x 73.74 = 36.87
Mean Spill (E{SP})	27%	19.91
Mean Evaporation (E{EV})	23%	16.96

RTD yield corresponds to **90% reliability**.

From intersection of isolines f_K = 3.5 and f_E = 0.15:

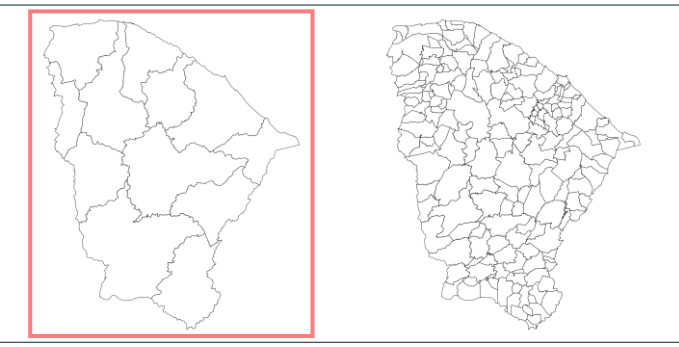


3) Final Calculation of Yield

- 90% of years → full release **Y**
 - 10% of years → average release **Y/2**
- $$\phi = 0.90 + 0.10/2 = 0.95$$

$$Y = E\{D\} / \phi$$

$$Y = 36.87 / 0.95 = 38.81 \text{ hm}^3/\text{yr}$$



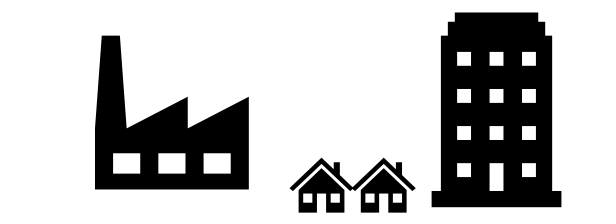
Smaller reservoirs
Lower efficiency

Analysis of the spatial gain of reservoirs with a release rate of less than 15%

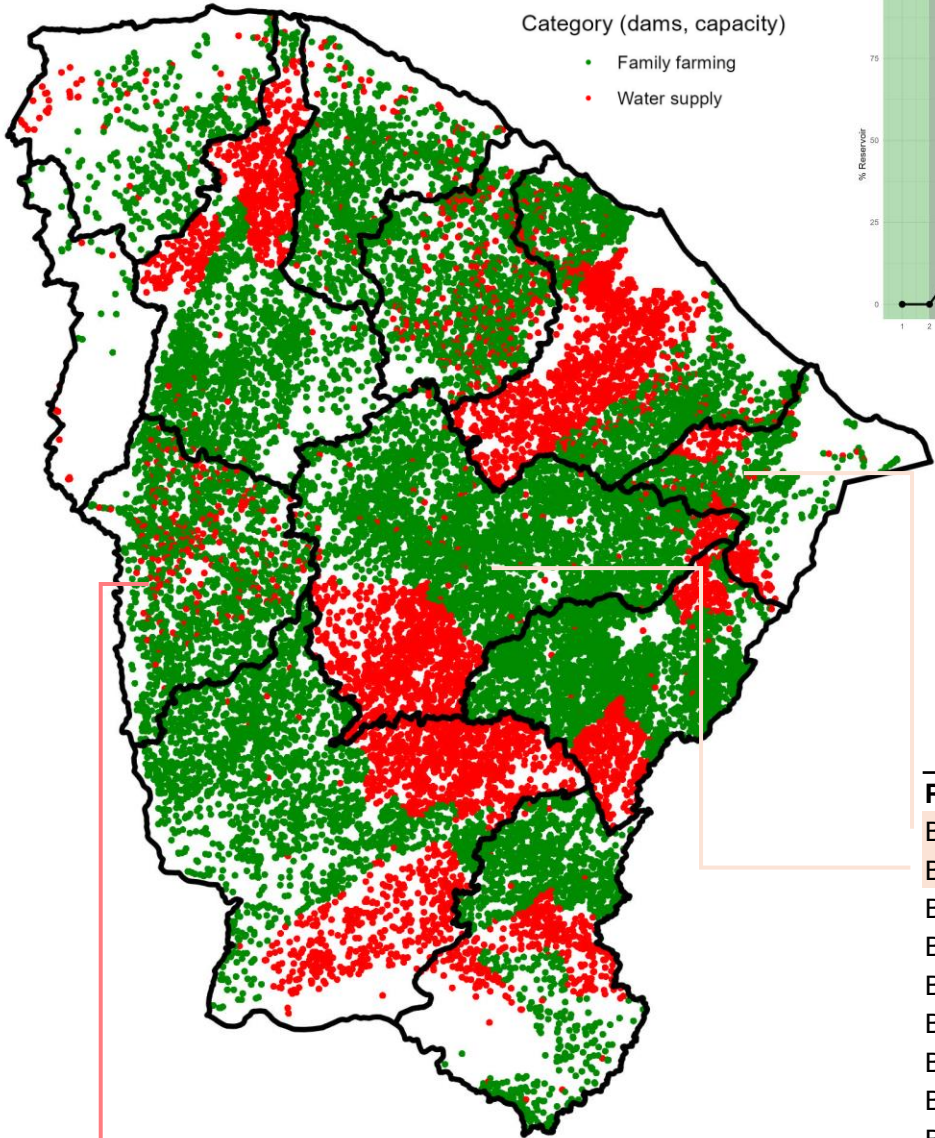


Larger reservoirs
High efficiency

Reservoirs with a flow rate of at least 15% of the inflow.

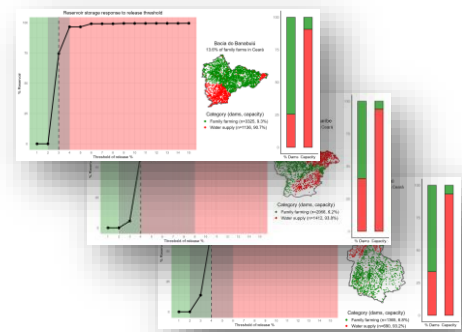
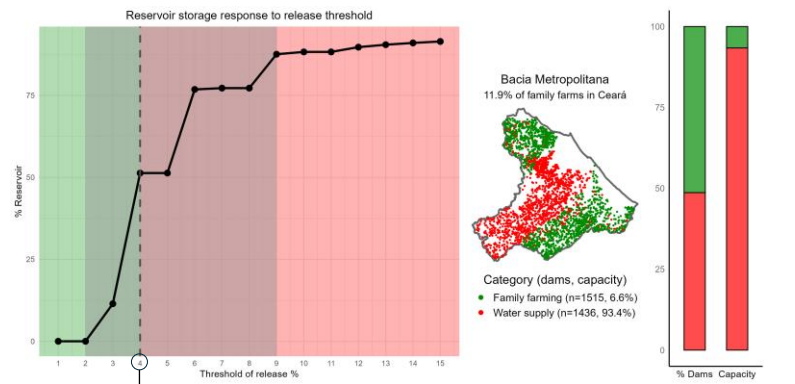


Administrative hydrological watersheds

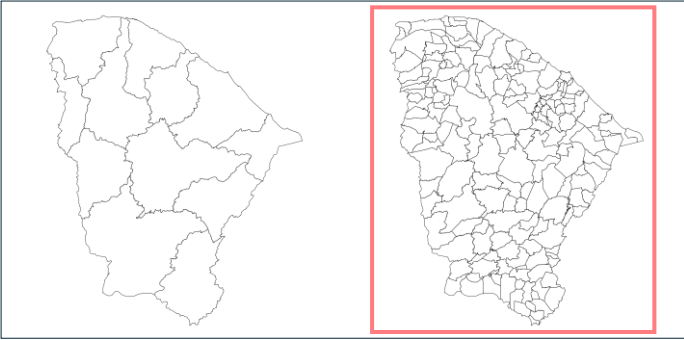


Category (dams, capacity)

- Family farming
- Water supply

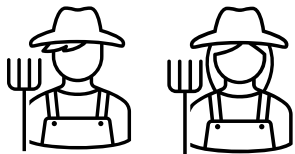


REGIAO	Threshold
Bacia do Baixo Jaguaribe	3
Bacia do Banabuiú	3
Bacia do Alto Jaguaribe	4
Bacia do Acaraú	4
Bacia do Curu	4
Bacia do Medio Jaguaribe	4
Bacia Metropolitana	4
Bacia do Coreaú	6
Bacia do Litoral	6
Bacia do Salgado	6
Bacia da Serra da Ibiapaba	6
Bacia dos Sertão de Crateús	9



Smaller reservoirs
Lower efficiency

Analysis of the spatial gain of reservoirs with a release rate of less than 15%

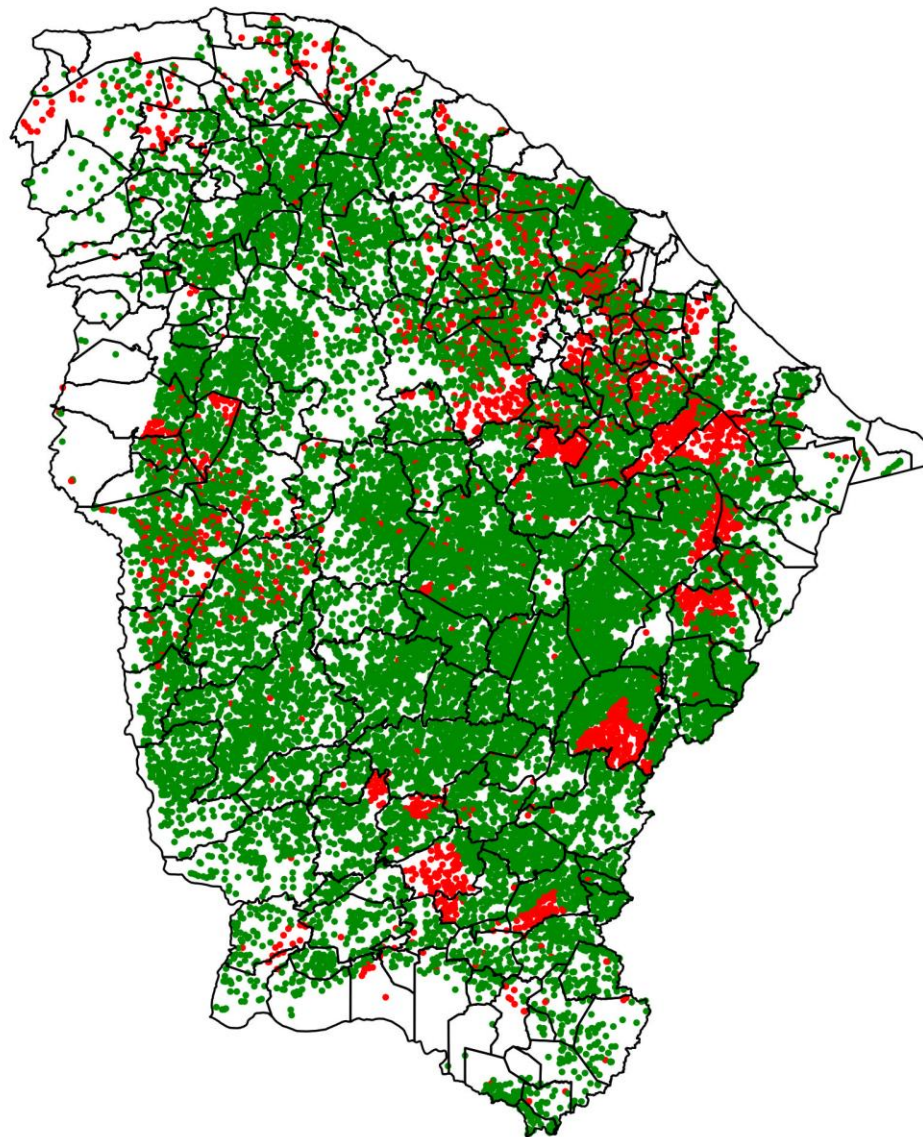


Larger reservoirs
High efficiency

Reservoirs with a flow rate of at least 15% of the inflow.



Municipalities

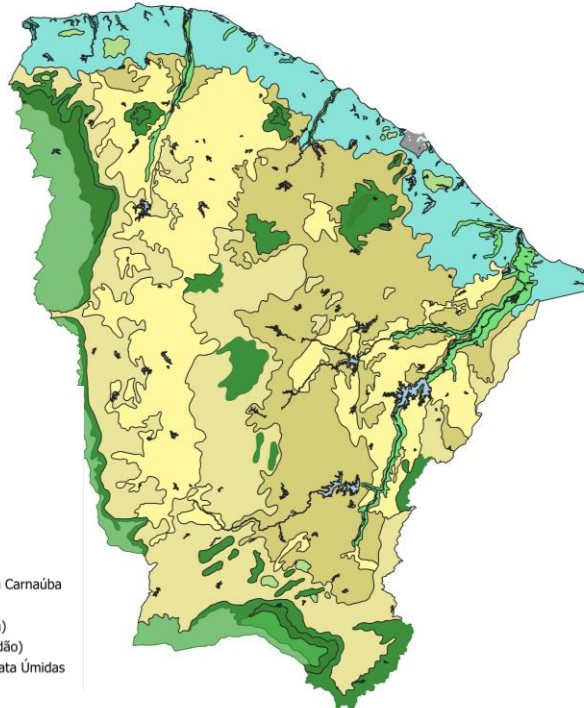
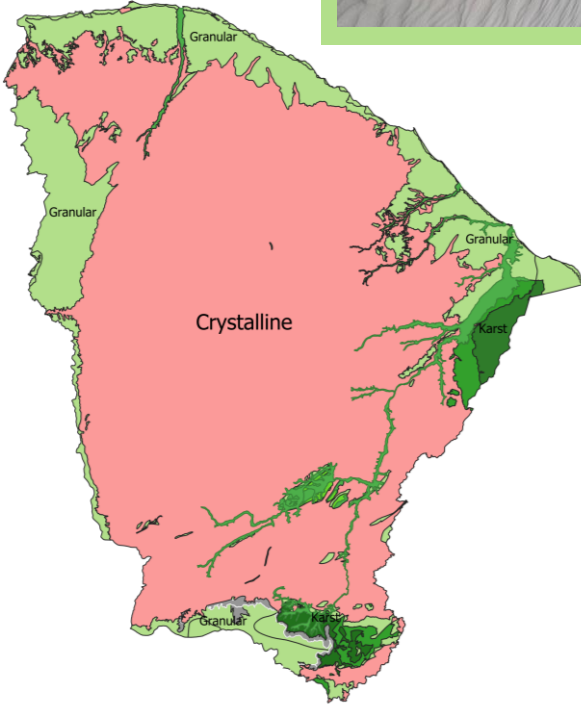
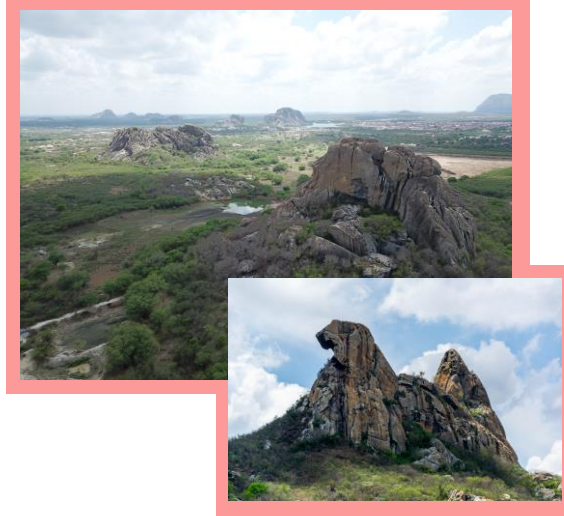


Category (dams, capacity)

- Family farming
- Water supply



Hydrogeological Units and Vegetation



- Phytocological - IBGE
- Water
 - Caatinga Arbustiva Aberta
 - Caatinga Arbustiva Densa
 - Capital
 - Carrasco
 - Cerradão
 - Complexo Vegetacional da Zona Litorânea
 - Floresta Caducifolia Espinhosa (Caatinga Arborea)
 - Floresta Mista Dicotilo-Palmaceae (Mata Ciliar com Carnaúba)
 - Floresta Perenifolia Paludosa Maritima
 - Floresta Subcaducifolia Tropical Pluvial (Mata Seca)
 - Floresta Subcaducifolia Tropical Xeromorfa (Cerradão)
 - Floresta Subperenifolia Tropical Pluvio-Nebular (Mata Úmidas)



Caatinga
Predominant xerophilous vegetation, with plants adapted to water scarcity (mandacaru, xique-xique).



Carnaubal
Dominated by the carnauba palm, economically important and for soil protection and water recharge.



Humid Mountain Forests
In high-altitude areas, with a more humid climate, they are ecological refuges of great biodiversity.



Cerrado
In localized areas such as the Chapada do Araripe, with grasses and twisted shrubs.



Coastal Vegetation
Restingas and mangroves protect the coast and are nurseries for marine species.



Hydrology and Infrastructure: Overcoming Scarcity in Ceará

- **Water storage policies**

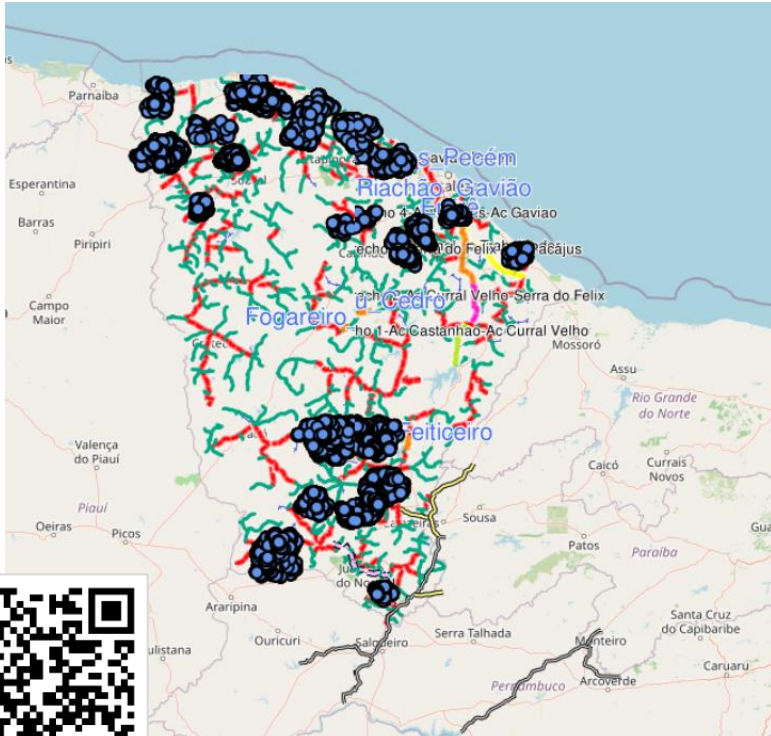
Ceará's history is marked by the struggle against droughts, driving the creation of a robust water infrastructure, projects such as the Cedro and Castanhão dams.

- **Water transfer projects**

Works like the Canal do Trabalhador, Malha D'Água, CAC, and the São Francisco River Transposition move water to areas with scarcity.

- **Local water solutions**

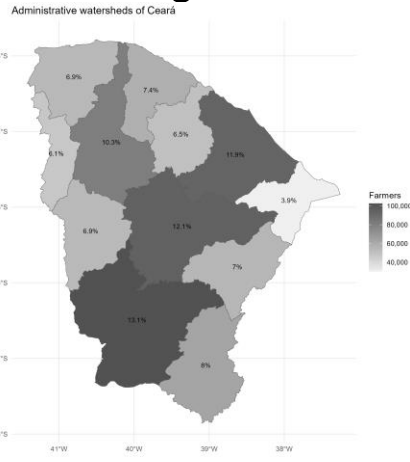
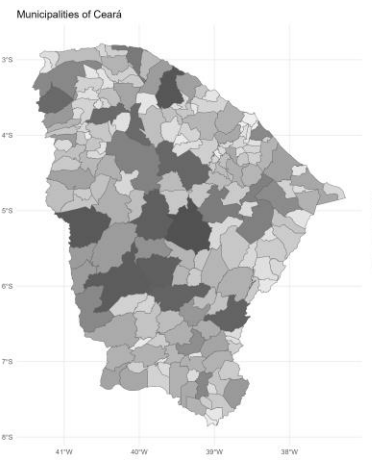
Cisterns store rainwater for communities, while desalination provides drinking water in dry and coastal regions.



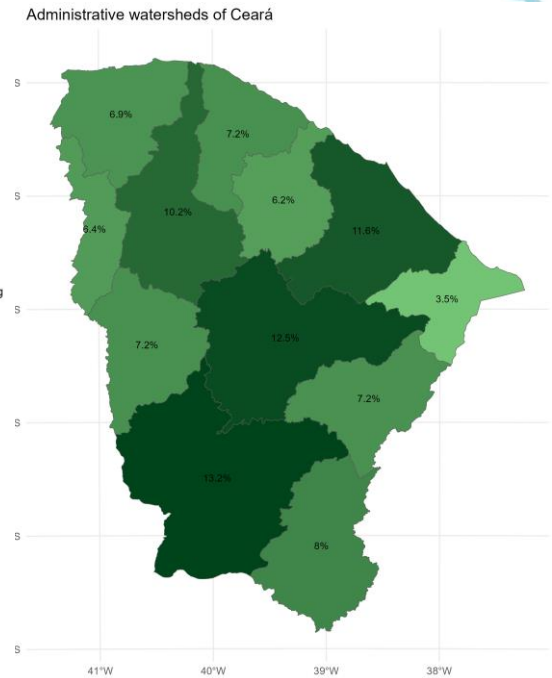
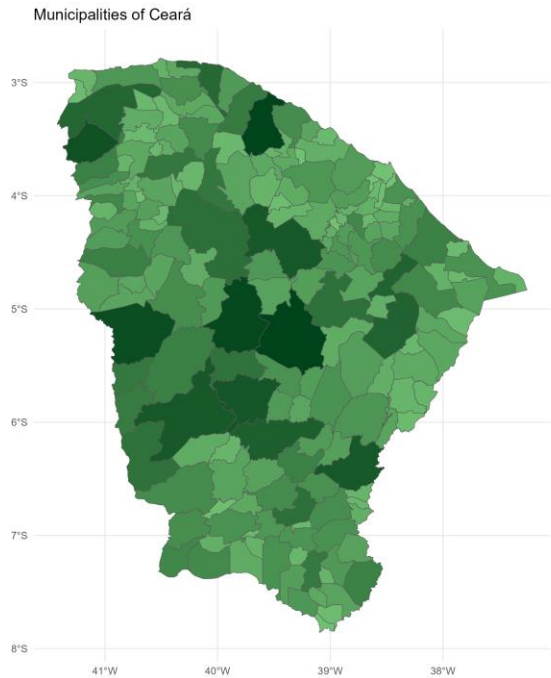
All infrastructure can be viewed on the COGERH Atlas, the official website of the Ceará Water Resources Management Company: <http://atlas.cogerh.com.br/>



Family Farming in the Semi-Arid Region: Production Practices and Social Organization



Agricultural enterprises (Database – IBGE) Total: 782,927



•Main current production systems

Rainfed farming depends on rainfall and includes crops such as corn, beans, cassava, and sorghum, while low-lying humid areas allow cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and forage due to greater soil moisture retention.

•Sustainable practices

Agroecology, rainwater harvesting (cisterns), low-cost irrigation techniques, and drought-resistant crops help improve resilience and reduce environmental impacts.

•Social organization (MST)

The Landless Workers' Movement (MST) promotes land reform, supports family farming, encourages agroecological production, and strengthens rural settlements through collective work and education.

Total number of family farming enterprises: 594,405 (76%)



References

- CAMPOS, J. N. B. Modeling the yield–evaporation–spill in the reservoir storage process: the Regulation Triangle Diagram. **Water Resources Management**, v. 24, p. 3487-3511, 2010. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11269-010-9616-x>.
- IBGE. **Censo Agropecuário 2017**: resultados definitivos. Rio de Janeiro: IBGE, 2019. Disponível em: <https://censoagro2017.ibge.gov.br>. Acesso em: 19 fev. 2026.
- INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE METEOROLOGIA. **Normais climatológicas do Brasil: 1991-2020**. Brasília: INMET, 2020. Disponível em: <https://portal.inmet.gov.br/normais>. Acesso em: 19 fev. 2026.
- PEKEL, J. F.; COTTAM, A.; GORELICK, N.; BELWARD, A. S. High-resolution mapping of global surface water and its long-term changes. **Nature**, v. 540, p. 418-422, 2016.
- PEREIRA, B.; MEDEIROS, P.; FRANCKE, T.; RAMALHO, G.; FOERSTER, S.; ARAÚJO, J. C. Assessment of the geometry and volumes of small surface water reservoirs by remote sensing in a semi-arid region with high reservoir density. **Hydrological Sciences Journal**, v. 64, n. 1, p. 66-79, 2019. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/02626667.2019.1566727>.
- Candido Portinari. *Dead Child*. 1944, oil on canvas.



camilacslira@alu.ufc.br

